Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—In Travancore will the Government kindly get the information as to whether patients are not charged the cost price for the medicines given to them?

Mr. President.—The whole scheme is to give the medicines free.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ.— മരുന്നുണ്ടാക്കുവാനുള്ള ചിലവിനു ആദ്യം ഒരു ലീസ് റേറ്റുണ്ടാക്കി. രണ്ടാമത്തെ ലീസ് റേറ്റുണ്ടാക്കുമ്പോൾ ആദ്യത്തെ ലീസ് റേറ്റുപ്രകാരമുള്ള പണത്തിൽ ബാക്കിയുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതു കൂടി ഗ്രാൻറുചെയ്യുന്നുള്ളൂ. അതുകൊണ്ട് വേണ്ടിടത്തോളം മരുന്നുണ്ടാക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കാതെവരുന്നുണ്ട്. ഇതിനു എന്തെങ്കിലും ഒരു നിവാരണമുണ്ടാക്കുവാൻ ഗവൺമെൻറു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The change was brought about, Sir, in this way. We in the first instance omitted to include the making charges of the medicines prepared by the temporary staff. We afterwards included that also in the cost of medicines and hence the difference.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ.— മരുന്നുണ്ടാക്കുന്നതിനു കൂടുതൽ വിലഗവൺമെൻറിൽനിന്നും അനുവദിക്കണം. എന്നാലെ ധാരാളം മരുന്ന് ശേഖരിക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കയുള്ളൂ.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I have asked for an additional allotment for my department.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—That is not for the Panchayat Vaidiasalas. I request the fact may be noted by the Government.

Town Improvement scheme in Mattancheri.

356. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the town improvement scheme in Mattancheri as submitted by the Committee is receiving the attention of the Government; if so, what steps have so far been taken in respect thereof?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes; it has been decided to take up the works of widening the Palliviruthi road and the Eravelly canal scheme recommended by the Committee as early as possible. An estimate for the Eravelly canal work is under preparation by the P. W. D.

Vatakarapathy Village Office—reconstruction of.

357. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the village office building in Vatakarapathy, Chittur is not in a dangerous condition;

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(2) whether they will be pleased to order the reconstruction of it this year?

Mr V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) The building is not in a dangerous condition now. But its roof, however, requires reconstruction.

(2) Funds are not available for reconstruction of it this year.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What will be the amount required for this work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I have stated in the answer that the building is not in a dangerous condition now. It can wait till next year.

The Bungalow and premises of Mr. P. I. Verghese rented by the Government.

358. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) (a) when was the bungalow and premises of Mr. P. I. Verghese rented by the Government;

(b) what were the terms under which they were rented?

(c) what amount has been spent by the State (i) for rent; (ii) for repairs and (iii) for salaries;

(2) (a) what is the rent charged by the Government per day on occupants of the bungalow;

(b) how many people occupied the buildings on rent in 1108, 1109, 1110 and 1111 till this day; what amounts were collected by way of rent from the occupants in 1108, 1109, 1110 and 1111;

(3) was the building used by State Guests in 1108, 1109 or 1110; if so, on how many occasions and for how many days;

(4) was there any negotiation to purchase the property; if so, for what price?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— (1) (a) On 30—5—1932.

(b) That the Government would pay a rent of Rs. 70 per mensem and attend to P. C. R. works.

(c) (i) 2,623—14—0 up to the end of 1110.

(ii) 144—3—6 for P. C. R. works.

(iii) 111—0—0 Sweeping charges.

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